

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2003

September 21, 2010

The Honorable Martha N. Johnson
Administrator
U.S. General Services Administration
1800 F. Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Administrator Johnson:


The safety and reliability of Metro depends on a competent and fully engaged Board to provide direction and oversight. Yet it has been nearly two years since Congress passed legislation mandating four federal appointments to the Board -- and we have only two. As we discussed in June, the General Services Administration (GSA) must immediately make the remaining appointments to the Metro Board.

The National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB) findings from its investigation of the June 22, 2009 tragic crash were alarming. The NTSB found the Board to be "tone deaf and not getting it." What louder call to action do you need?

Congress, the NTSB and the Federal Transit Administration are demanding actions and results from Metro to improve its safety and reliability. We can't expect to be taken seriously if GSA does not do its job and make these appointments. I insist that you take immediate action to fill the remaining federal government appointments to the Metro Board.

Thank you for your prompt attention to my request. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senator

*Let's get this moving
never depend on it*